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## *From the Principal's Desk*

### ***The Volunteer***

*The Volunteer is one with a heart so sincere  
No task too large, no task too small,*

*Who will help with anything at all.*

*Who will be there in the morning light,  
Or help in the dark of night.*

*The Volunteer, our extra hand,*

*On whose future our Children Stand.*

*Never anyone so dear as a West Friendship Volunteer!*

Thank you community for everything you have done to support our school this year. Please know there is still plenty of time to volunteer this year if you are interested. Spring is a very busy time of the year with many fun events ... Walking Wednesdays, Field Day, Spring Festival, and various field trips. Please contact your child's teacher or a member of the PTA Executive Board if you can assist.

Recently, I sent out a survey to gather your input about how you as volunteers would like to be acknowledged. It was very clear that your preference was to receive a note or card. I'm happy the feedback went this way as it gives us an opportunity to involve the WFES student body in thanking our volunteers.

Our PTA is hosting a Barnes & Noble Night on **Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** to help a Baltimore City School, Mary Ann Winterling Elementary, purchase books for their school library. Several WFES staff and educators from Mary Ann Winterling will be guest readers for the evening. They will be reading between **6:00 and 8:00 p.m.** If you can't attend, please consider sending a monetary donation. Checks can be made payable to WFES PTA. These funds will be given to Mary Ann Winterling in the form of Barnes & Noble gift cards.

Please save the date for the **WFES Beautification Day!** The PTA has purchased many flowers for us to plant on school grounds. **On May 7 from 8:30-10:30**, the morning after our Spring Festival, please bring the family and come on up to help pick up trash, pull weeds, plant flowers, and have fun! Bring your own shovels, rakes, and gloves. Coffee, water, fruit, and doughnuts will be available. *Middle and High School students who need volunteer hours are welcome!*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

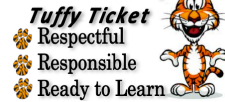
Tuesday, April 19	WFES Night at Barnes & Noble
Friday, April 22	Report Cards Issued
Tuesday, April 26	Schools & Offices Closed – Election Day
Wednesday, April 27	PBIS Celebration
Thursday, April 28	Gr. 5 Brighton Dam Trout Release Trip
Friday, April 29	School Spirit “Wacky Tacky” Day
Tuesday, May 3	PTA Meeting in Media Center – 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 3	Gr. 5 Puberty Education Meeting (Room 123) – 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 6	Gr. 1 Maryland Zoo Trip
Friday, May 6	PTA Spring Festival
Saturday, May 7	WFES Beautification Day – 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Monday, May 9	Choral Concert Performed for WFES Students – 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10	Choral Concert Evening Performance – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11	Gr. 5 SCH
Thursday, May 12	Gr. 4 Peer Leadership Conference Trip

## What’s for Lunch?

For the latest menus, and information regarding food services, please go to: <http://www.hcpss.org/food-services> or download the HCPSS App for free.

## School News

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**PBIS News:** The Golden Tuffy Ticket! Our intent is to ensure every child receives the Golden Tuffy Ticket. This is a special, large, gold colored Tuffy given to students who are caught modeling the 3R’s. Once they receive this ticket, their name is announced on the morning news show and they get to wear the special tiger sash around school the entire next school day. When staff members and students see a student wearing the sash, they are frequently congratulated!

## Circle Drive Expectations

If you are using our student pick up and drop off (Circle Drive), you are expected to be patient and line up using the car entrance closest to the old firehouse. Pulling into the main drive, backing up, and parking is not what is safest for students and staff and is an uncivil behavior. Thank you for your cooperation!



**Math at Home!**

**No matter what time** of year, taking some time out for ice cream is always a fun way to spend the afternoon. Use the problems below with students to see how much they can learn from this sweet treat.

### K- Grade 2

**Alex was eating** an ice cream cone with 1 scoop of peanut butter ice cream, 1 scoop of cake batter ice cream, 1 scoop of strawberry ice cream, and 1 scoop of rainbow sprinkle ice cream. While he was walking home from the Tip Top Ice Cream Shop, the strawberry and rainbow sprinkle scoops fell off. How many

scoops does Alex have left on his ice cream cone? What flavors are left for Alex to enjoy? Draw a picture to show how you know.

### **Grade 3-4**

**A soccer team** of 8 children will get a sweet treat after their game. Each child wants 2 scoops of ice cream in a waffle cone. Each double-scoop cone costs \$2. How much money will the group of friends need so that they can buy everyone's ice cream? If the group of friends has \$25, do they have enough money to buy everyone's ice cream? Draw a picture of your strategy for solving.

### **Grades 5-6**

**Every Sunday**, the Tip Top Ice Cream Shop runs a special on their gigantic Mumbo Jumbo Sundae, which is made with 3 delicious ice cream flavors: 30% is chocolate ice cream, and 25% is vanilla. The toppings, hot fudge and whipped cream, make up 15% of the sundae. The 3rd ice cream flavor used in this dessert is strawberry, which makes up the remaining sundae. What percentage of the Mumbo Jumbo Sundae is strawberry? If the toppings are used in a 2:1 ratio (hot fudge: whipped cream) what fraction of the overall sundae is hot fudge? What fraction is whipped cream? Draw a picture to show your reasoning.

### **PARCC Testing**

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be taking the PARCC assessment in English/Language Arts (4 sessions) and Mathematics (4 sessions) on the dates listed below. Each testing session is 60-90 minutes in length. All testing will take place in the mornings. While makeup testing will be possible, we would greatly appreciate if you are able to avoid scheduling appointments on any of these dates. Students do not need to do anything extra to prepare - a good night's sleep and a good breakfast will help set them up for success!

Grade 3 Dates: April 21, 22, 25, 29, May 2, 3, and 4

Grade 4 Dates: April 27, 28, May 5, 9, 10, 11, and 13

Grade 5 Dates: April 21, 22, 25, 29, May 2, 3, and 4

### **WFES Beautification Day**

WFES Beautification Day will be on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 10:30 am. Families and staff are welcome to come on up to school and help plant flowers, pull weeds, and pick up any trash. When you come please bring your shovels, rakes and work gloves! The event will occur light rain or shine. Coffee, fruit, and donuts will be provided to keep you fueled! If any middle school or high school students need some volunteer hours, we would love to have them here too.

### **Walking Wednesdays**

The snow is gone and the birds are singing. It's time to get outside and MOVE! Now that Spring is here and the world has thawed, it's time for **Walking Wednesdays** starting **April 20, 2016**. We are in need of volunteers to assist the Wellness Committee. You can sign up during your child's recess. You will mark laps, help the kids stay on the track, and hand out small awards for laps completed. Only 40-minutes of your time is needed. Sign up for as many as you'd like. We welcome any family members that want to participate.

Here is the link for sign up: <http://vols.pt/d3wWgB>

**Please consider being the lead volunteer for your time slot. More details included in the link above.**

Please contact Cathy Rayburn if you have any questions regarding volunteering for Walking Wednesdays or any other Wellness Committee opportunities.

Phone: 410-489-5928 or mail: [crayburn001@yahoo.com](mailto:crayburn001@yahoo.com)

## **WFES Variety Show - June 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

West Friendship Elementary School is planning to hold a variety show at the end of the school year. In order to make this event a true success, parent involvement will need to take place both at home to support our performers and at school. We invite our great community of parents and guardians to assist in any way that you can.

Assistance will be needed for the program design, stage crew manager(s), two or three parents in each of the holding areas on the night of the performance and dress rehearsal, and possibly one parent to run a spotlight. We are planning on holding this grand event on June 2<sup>nd</sup> with a dress rehearsal on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please e-mail Mr. Umla at [Richard.Umla@hcpss.org](mailto:Richard.Umla@hcpss.org) if you are willing to fulfill any of the responsibilities listed above. We are looking forward to a memorable evening as we close the year with an entertaining show.

## **Kindergarten Registration Continues**

Do you have a child who will be 5-years old by September 1, 2016? **[Please take time now to register them for next school year's Kindergarten Program. You may come in any school day between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.](#)** Students must be registered by their custodial parent (biological, adoptive, legal guardian), and the parent must live within the school attendance area. Please be prepared to spend about 30-minutes completing paperwork. The following documents are required at time of registration:

- Parent picture ID: original driver's license, military ID, or passport.
- Signed original, current lease or deed with your address, valid dates, signatures.
- Current utility bill with name and address (non-cellular telephone, gas and electric, cable bill).
- Student's proof of birth (original birth certificate, baptismal certificate, hospital certificate, passport or military ID).
- Proof of parental relationship, custody, or guardianship. If applicable, bring legal proof of custody (court order).
- Student's current proof of immunizations signed by a doctor, health care provider, day care provider or school official.
- Documentation of Special Education (IEP), 504, Psychological Report, or related services.
- Any additional paperwork that may be necessary due to special living arrangements or circumstances.

No appointment is necessary during the Kindergarten Registration Kickoff week. If you are unable to register your child during this time, please contact Mrs. Colleen Green at 410-313-5512 or [colleen.green@hcpss.org](mailto:colleen.green@hcpss.org) to make a registration appointment.

## ***PTA NEWS***

### **From the PTA Nominating Committee**

WFES is looking for a few GREAT volunteers! Your help and support is needed for several upcoming activities for the remainder of this school year and next year too! If you have even one hour to lend a hand – either from home or at West Friendship - we would love to have you participate. What are your interests and talents? We probably have a committee that could use your expertise. Here are several PTA committees looking for some assistance:

- Spring Festival
- Walking Wednesday
- Field Day
- Community Outreach
- Plant Sale
- Reflections

- Advocacy
- Box Tops
- 5th Grade Memories – for parents of upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders

The following executive board positions will be open: **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.**

If you are interested in chairing a PTA committee or taking on a PTA Executive Committee position for the 2016-2017 school year, please contact a member of the nominating committee and get involved. ~ Valerie Eshleman at [veshleman@healthlawyers.org](mailto:veshleman@healthlawyers.org), Kathy Baur at [kdbaur@gmail.com](mailto:kdbaur@gmail.com) or Penny Jones at [penny\\_jones@hcpss.org](mailto:penny_jones@hcpss.org).

### **Community Outreach Event at Barnes & Noble**

The Barnes and Noble Book Fair night is fast approaching on April 19<sup>th</sup> and to kick off the excitement, we invite you to go through your personal libraries and pull out books that can be donated to Mary Ann Winterling ES's media center in Baltimore City. The WFES PTA started this partnership at our own WFES Book Fair in November and collected several boxes of books and would like to donate more this spring. As you spring clean, kindly consider putting aside gently used books with no writing on them to donate for this great cause.

Please place books in the labeled boxes outside of the WFES front office. Our Book Drive started on April 4<sup>th</sup> and will end on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for participating in our upcoming Book Drive.

### **“Dining for Dollars” at Glory Days Grill**

Upcoming “dining for dollars” WFES spring fundraising event at Glory Days Grill. When you dine at a Glory Days between March 11<sup>th</sup> & May 30<sup>th</sup>, the restaurant will contribute 10% of your total food and beverage purchases to West Friendship Elementary School PTA. Bring your neighbors, friends, and relatives, because the 10% applies to the total food and beverage bill. Simply ask your server for a copy of your guest check (not credit card receipt). Please put the guest check in an envelope marked “Glory Day – PTA” and send it to school with your student or have any other friends/family who participate mail it directly to WFES, 12500 Frederick Road, West Friendship, MD 21794. Questions – Email Jen at [jlowther4@gmail.com](mailto:jlowther4@gmail.com).



**WWW.WHCsoccer.org**

**Proud Sponsors of the West Friendship Elementary School PTA**

Registration for the fall soccer season is open! Western Howard County Soccer, Inc. has become a tremendous partner of our PTA, and donates \$10 for each WFES student registered to play. This has led to \$1,080 in donated funds over the past two years! For more information about the league and to register, please visit ***www.whcsoccer.org***.

### **Spring Festival**

The annual Spring Festival is a major event that requires many volunteers. Please save the date and help us give the WFES students an evening to remember. Please contact Stephanie McDonald at [sskdp1381@gmail.com](mailto:sskdp1381@gmail.com) or 443-812-4845.

### **Box Tops News**

We will run one last race for this school year in May, so there is plenty of time to collect a lot of Box Tops by then! Thank you so much. If you have any questions about the Box Tops Collection Program at West Friendship, please feel free to contact Lisa Cumberland at [lisa@vikingcustomhomes.com](mailto:lisa@vikingcustomhomes.com) anytime.

## **From PTA Council of Howard County**

A Parent Academy session was conducted on Saturday, March 5. During the sessions, which were conducted by The Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) and the community speakers from The Council of Elders (TCOE) of the Black Community of Howard County, some questions arose that require further input from the community.

A survey has been created to gather input from parents who have students in an advanced class in Elementary, Middle, or High School. The results will be consolidated independently by The Council of Elders and reviewed with the HCPSS. Please provide any additional feedback you believe would be helpful in us evaluating your perceived need for additional resources and support. We thank you in advance for your time. The survey is found at: <http://goo.gl/forms/vsXPyKUuzi>

## **MVMS PTA**

It looks like Spring is coming (finally!) and the MVMS PTA is getting ready for next year. WE NEED YOU! Many of our parents are "graduating" to high school, which leaves us with multiple committees and committee chair positions to fill for the 2016-2017 year. We will also have several openings on our Executive Board. Please join us! It's a great way to learn more about the school and PTA, and meet new people in your community. If you would like to learn more about any of the committees or board positions, please contact Shelley Tolle at [shelleytolle@verizon.net](mailto:shelleytolle@verizon.net) or (410) 428-1229 or Kathy Baur at [kdbaur@gmail.com](mailto:kdbaur@gmail.com).

## **West Friendship Elementary School PTA Membership**

By becoming a member of the WFES PTA, you will be helping your child and the entire school community. The WFES PTA sponsors many wonderful programs and activities, such as the Back to School Dance, Cultural Arts Assemblies, Science Fair, Staff Appreciation, Spring Festival, and much more! In addition, recent policy changes prevent teachers from using their class mailing lists for non-school activities. However, members of the PTA will receive a membership book and classroom mailing list, which is about the only way to obtain these items.

We are moving to an online registration process this year (you can pay by credit card or check): <http://www.wfespta.com/join/>

While you're on our website, feel free to follow us via Twitter, Facebook or E-mail to stay informed.

If you would prefer to complete your registration via paper, please leave a message at 443-396-3707. Someone from the membership committee will contact you.

## ***Community News***

### **West Friendship ES Parents:**

Howard County Recreation & Parks are offering the following After School Classes this Spring at West Friendship ES! Register ASAP to save your spot and ensure these classes have enough children to run.

**To Register:** Go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/howardcounty/> and type in the course number of the program (ex RP3379.601), or you may register over the phone at 410-313-7275 (8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday).

### **Science Club - Machines & Circuits After-School with Club SciKidz**

**Grades K-2 / 7 classes starting April 19 / \$135**

Enjoy two great topics that includes a take-home Lab in a Box.

Topic 1: Machine Madness – Explorations include studying different types of pulleys, simple and complex machines, and Newton's Third Law of Motion. STEM challenge:

Design and build a crane to lift a heavy load on a new space colony on Mars.

Topic 2: Edison's Circuit Shop! – Young scientists experiment with electronic devices, machines, circuits and LEDs. STEM challenge: Design and build an LED book light.

(No class 4/26.) Info: [www.clubscikidzmd.com](http://www.clubscikidzmd.com) or Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or

[awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov).

[RP3355.713](#) 3:50-5:05 PM Tuesday

### **Bricks4Kidz LEGO® After-School Transportation Timeline**

**Grades K-5 / 6 classes starting Apr 18 / \$99**

If you like planes, trains and automobiles, then this class is for you! Build motorized models of a dragster, a railroad crossing gate, an airplane and more! Explore the history of transportation from horse and buggy and trains to the development of the automobile and flight. Take your mini-figure for a ride on these vehicles, and customize it to your own specifications! Bricks4Kidz is a STEM-based program that teaches science and technology concepts using LEGO® bricks. Info: [www.bricks4kidz.com/maryland-clarksville-fulton-marriottsville/](http://www.bricks4kidz.com/maryland-clarksville-fulton-marriottsville/) or Adam Wienckowski, 410-313-4714 or

[awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:awienckowski@howardcountymd.gov).

[RP3379.714](#) 3:50-4:50 PM Monday

### **Howard County Public Library – Glenwood Branch**

The following presentations require registration (which begins one week prior to class). Please register by calling 410-313-5579 or on-line, [www.hclibrary.org](http://www.hclibrary.org).

#### **CHEMISTRY IN THE LIBRARY: THE GREAT INDOORS**

*Join a chemist from the Army Research Laboratory and the American Chemical Society for hands-on experiments exploring the chemistry of the home ecosystem.*

Ages 7 & up (7-8 year olds with adult); 60 minutes

Saturday, April 16, 11 a.m.

#### **SLOPPY SATURDAYS**

*Seasonally themed crafts.*

Ages 5-10; 20-30 minutes.

Saturday, April 16, 3 p.m.

#### **PUT THE ART IN EARTH**

*Celebrate Earth Day by creating a large-scale, mixed-media mural.*

Ages 9 & up; 90 minutes

Thursday, April 21, 3:30 p.m.

#### **EYORE'S NOT SO GLOOMY BIRTHDAY**

*Oh, bother. Celebrate the many tails of Eeyore on his birthday with tales, songs, and a craft. Refreshments.*

Ages 2-5 with adult; 45 minutes.

Monday, April 25, 11 a.m.

#### **CELESTIAL SEARCHERS YOUNG ASTRONOMERS CLUB**

*Local astronomy educator, Dr. Joel Goodman, discusses our solar system and beyond with hands-on activities -- includes outside telescope viewing (weather permitting.)*

Grades K-8 with adult; 60 minutes.

Monday, April 25, 7-8 p.m.

#### **ANIMAL ARCHITECTURE**

*Discover the home-building methods of animals; then, test your engineering and building skills by constructing a model home.*

Ages 6-9; 45 minutes

Tuesday, April 26, 3 p.m.

### **One Week of Good Eating!**

Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. You may eat in or carry out. Please mention the Glenelg Marching Unit fundraiser when you order and the unit makes money!

**Mama Millies** Italian Restaurant located at 3881 Ten Oaks Road, Glenelg, MD 21737

(410) 489-4660

Open Monday through Saturday, 11:00am – 10:00pm, closed on Sunday

### **Glenelg Boosters Sports Camp 2016**

Students will improve their technical and tactical skills in an encouraging, educational, and positive environment. **REGISTER NOW!!** Go to: [www.glenelgboosters.com](http://www.glenelgboosters.com)

This year's camps include: **Football, Boy's Lacrosse, Boy's Basketball I & II, Soccer I & II, Girl's Lacrosse, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Softball, Baseball, Cheerleading, and Speed & Agility**

Camps open to current year 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders (2016-2017 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders)

For questions, [www.sportscamp16@gmail.com](mailto:www.sportscamp16@gmail.com)

### **AFS**

Host Families Sought for AFS Exchange Students: Next school year almost 20 exchange students will come from around the world to experience a life-changing year or cross-cultural sharing here in Howard County. If you are interested in more information, please contact Christina McGarvey at [ckmgarvey@yahoo.com](mailto:ckmgarvey@yahoo.com) or 410.997.7087.

### **Howard County Conservancy**

Full-day nature camps, **June 27-August 19**, camps are located in Woodstock on our 232-acre nature center and at the Belmont in Elkridge [www.hcconservancy.org/camp.html](http://www.hcconservancy.org/camp.html)